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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to marijuana, including the manufacture,
- delivery, and possession of marijuana and the licensure of
- 3 retail marijuana, providing fees, including excise taxes,
- 4 establishing a trust fund, and including penalties.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 DIVISION I CRIMINAL PENALTIES 2 3 Section 1. Section 124.401, subsection 1, unnumbered 4 paragraph 1, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows: Except as authorized by this chapter or chapter 124E or 6 124F, it is unlawful for any person to manufacture, deliver, or 7 possess with the intent to manufacture or deliver, a controlled 8 substance, a counterfeit substance, a simulated controlled 9 substance, or an imitation controlled substance, or to act 10 with, enter into a common scheme or design with, or conspire 11 with one or more other persons to manufacture, deliver, or 12 possess with the intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled 13 substance, a counterfeit substance, a simulated controlled 14 substance, or an imitation controlled substance. Section 124.401, subsection 1, paragraph a, 15 16 subparagraph (6), Code 2019, is amended by striking the 17 subparagraph. 18 Sec. 3. Section 124.401, subsection 1, paragraph b, 19 subparagraph (6), Code 2019, is amended by striking the 20 subparagraph. 21 Sec. 4. Section 124.401, subsection 1, paragraph c, 22 subparagraph (5), Code 2019, is amended by striking the 23 subparagraph. 24 Sec. 5. Section 124.401, subsection 1, paragraph c, 25 subparagraph (9), Code 2019, is amended to read as follows: 26 (9) Any other controlled substance, counterfeit substance, 27 simulated controlled substance, or imitation controlled 28 substance classified in schedule I, II, or III, except as 29 provided in paragraph "d", or in chapter 124E or 124F. 30 Sec. 6. Section 124.401, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code 31 2019, is amended to read as follows: Violation of this subsection, with respect to any other 33 controlled substances, counterfeit substances, simulated 34 controlled substances, or imitation controlled substances 35 classified in schedule IV or V is an aggravated misdemeanor.

- 1 However, violation of this subsection involving fifty kilograms
- 2 or less of marijuana or involving flunitrazepam is a class "D"
- 3 felony.
- 4 Sec. 7. Section 124.401, subsection 5, unnumbered paragraph
- 5 2, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:
- 6 If the controlled substance is marijuana, the punishment
- 7 shall be by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than
- 8 six months or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars,
- 9 or by both such fine and imprisonment for a first offense. If
- 10 the controlled substance is marijuana and the person has been
- 11 previously convicted of a violation of this subsection in which
- 12 the controlled substance was marijuana, the punishment shall be
- 13 as provided in section 903.1, subsection 1, paragraph "b". If
- 14 the controlled substance is marijuana and the person has been
- 15 previously convicted two or more times of a violation of this
- 16 subsection in which the controlled substance was marijuana,
- 17 the person is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor. This
- 18 subsection does not apply to the possession of marijuana which
- 19 is punishable pursuant to chapter 124F.
- Sec. 8. Section 124.407, subsection 2, Code 2019, is amended
- 21 to read as follows:
- 22 2. a. Any person who violates this section and where the
- 23 controlled substance is any one a controlled substance other
- 24 than marijuana is guilty of a class "D" felony.
- 25 b. Any person who violates this section, and where the
- 26 controlled substance is marijuana only, is guilty of a serious
- 27 misdemeanor.
- 28 Sec. 9. Section 124.411, subsection 2, Code 2019, is amended
- 29 to read as follows:
- 30 2. For purposes of this section, an offense is considered
- 31 a second or subsequent offense, if, prior to the person's
- 32 having been convicted of the offense, the offender has ever
- 33 been convicted under this chapter or under any state or federal
- 34 statute relating to narcotic drugs or cocaine, marijuana,
- 35 depressant, stimulant, or hallucinogenic drugs.

- 1 Sec. 10. NEW SECTION. 124F.1 Definitions.
- 2 As used in this subchapter:
- 3 1. "Counterfeit substance" means the same as defined in
- 4 section 124.101.
- 5 2. "Imitation controlled substance" means the same as
- 6 defined in section 124.101.
- 7 3. "Marijuana" means the same as defined in section 124.101,
- 8 and includes a counterfeit substance, imitation controlled
- 9 substance, or simulated controlled substance containing a
- 10 detectable amount of marijuana.
- 11 4. "Simulated controlled substance" means the same as
- 12 defined in section 124.101.
- 13 Sec. 11. NEW SECTION. 124F.2 Marijuana penalties.
- 14 l. Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter and
- 15 chapter 124E, it is unlawful for any person to manufacture,
- 16 deliver, or possess with the intent to manufacture or deliver
- 17 marijuana, or to act with, enter into a common scheme or
- 18 design with, or conspire with one or more other persons to
- 19 manufacture, deliver, or possess with the intent to manufacture
- 20 or deliver marijuana. A violation of this subsection involving
- 21 the following amounts of marijuana shall be punishable as
- 22 follows:
- 23 a. More than twenty-two kilograms shall be a class "B"
- 24 felony.
- 25 b. More than two kilograms but not more than twenty-two
- 26 kilograms shall be a class "C" felony.
- 27 c. More than twelve ounces but not more than two kilograms
- 28 shall be a class "D" felony.
- 29 d. More than four ounces but not more than twelve ounces
- 30 shall be punishable as an aggravated misdemeanor.
- 31 e. Four ounces or less shall be punishable as a serious
- 32 misdemeanor, except as provided in section 124F.3.
- 33 2. a. It is unlawful for any person knowingly or
- 34 intentionally to possess marijuana unless such substance was
- 35 obtained directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription

- 1 or order of a practitioner while acting in the course of the
- 2 practitioner's professional practice, or except as otherwise
- 3 authorized by this subsection. A violation of this subsection
- 4 involving the possession of the following amounts of marijuana
- 5 shall be punishable as follows:
- 6 (1) More than six ounces but not more than twelve ounces is 7 an aggravated misdemeanor.
- 8 (2) More than four ounces but not more than six ounces is 9 a serious misdemeanor.
- 10 (3) More than one ounce but not more than four ounces is
- ll not a criminal offense but shall be assessed as a civil penalty
- 12 in the amount of one hundred dollars, except if the person is
- 13 under twenty-one years of age, the person commits a serious
- 14 misdemeanor.
- 15 (a) The civil penalty shall be collected by the clerk of the
- 16 district court pursuant to section 602.8105, subsection 5.
- 17 (b) Any records relating to the civil penalty shall not
- 18 be displayed for public viewing on the Iowa court information
- 19 system.
- 20 (c) Any records relating to the civil penalty shall not
- 21 be kept in the criminal history data files maintained by the
- 22 department of public safety. Any records relating to the civil
- 23 penalty shall not be disseminated to other criminal or juvenile
- 24 justice agencies.
- 25 b. (1) Except as provided in subparagraph (2), a person
- 26 does not violate this subsection if the amount of marijuana
- 27 involved is one ounce or less.
- 28 (2) If the person is under twenty-one years of age, the
- 29 person commits a simple misdemeanor.
- 30 3. Upon the expiration of two years following a conviction
- 31 for a violation of subsection 2, paragraph "a", subparagraph
- 32 (3), or for a violation of subsection 2, paragraph "b",
- 33 subparagraph (2), a person may petition the court to expunge
- 34 the conviction, and if the person has had no other criminal
- 35 convictions, other than local traffic violations or simple

- 1 misdemeanor violations of chapter 321 during the two-year
- 2 period, the conviction shall be expunged as a matter of
- 3 law. The court shall enter an order that the record of the
- 4 conviction be expunged by the clerk of the district court.
- 5 Notwithstanding section 692.2, after receipt of notice from
- 6 the clerk of the district court that a record of conviction
- 7 has been expunged pursuant to this subsection, the record of
- 8 conviction shall be removed from the criminal history data
- 9 files maintained by the department of public safety.
- 10 Sec. 12. NEW SECTION. 124F.3 Delivery or possession with
- 11 the intent to deliver small amounts.
- 12 If the amount of marijuana delivered or possessed with
- 13 intent to deliver is two ounces or less and no remuneration was
- 14 provided, the defendant shall not be prosecuted for a violation
- 15 of this subchapter.
- 16 Sec. 13. NEW SECTION. 124F.4 Juvenile offenses.
- 17 The juvenile court shall have exclusive original
- 18 jurisdiction in a proceeding concerning a minor who is alleged
- 19 to have committed a violation of this subchapter.
- 20 Sec. 14. NEW SECTION. 124F.5 Marijuana use in public.
- 1. Marijuana shall not be consumed in areas open and
- 22 accessible to the public, including but not limited to public
- 23 transportation facilities, sporting or music venues, parks,
- 24 playgrounds, sidewalks and roads, outdoor cafes, or indoor but
- 25 public locations.
- 26 2. A person who violates this section commits a simple
- 27 misdemeanor punishable as a scheduled violation under section
- 28 805.8C, subsection 12.
- 29 3. Upon the expiration of two years following conviction
- 30 for a violation of subsection 1, a person may petition the
- 31 court to expunge the conviction, and if the person has had no
- 32 other criminal convictions, other than local traffic violations
- 33 or simple misdemeanor violations of chapter 321 during the
- 34 two-year period, the conviction shall be expunged as a matter
- 35 of law. The court shall enter an order that the record of the

- 1 conviction be expunged by the clerk of the district court.
- 2 Notwithstanding section 692.2, after receipt of notice from
- 3 the clerk of the district court that a record of conviction
- 4 has been expunded pursuant to this subsection, the record of
- 5 conviction shall be removed from the criminal history data
- 6 files maintained by the department of public safety.
- 7 Sec. 15. Section 602.8105, Code 2019, is amended by adding
- 8 the following new subsection:
- 9 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. The clerk of the district court shall
- 10 collect the civil penalty assessed pursuant to section 124F.2,
- 11 subsection 2, paragraph "a", subparagraph (3).
- 12 Sec. 16. Section 805.8C, Code 2019, is amended by adding the
- 13 following new subsection:
- 14 NEW SUBSECTION. 12. Marijuana violations. For marijuana
- 15 use in public violations under section 124F.5, the scheduled
- 16 fine is fifty dollars for a first violation, and one hundred
- 17 dollars for a second or subsequent violation.
- 18 Sec. 17. REPEAL. Section 124.410, Code 2019, is repealed.
- 19 DIVISION II
- 20 RETAIL MARIJUANA
- 21 Sec. 18. NEW SECTION. 124F.6 Purpose and findings.
- 22 In the interest of allowing law enforcement to focus on
- 23 violent and property crimes, generating revenue for education
- 24 and other public purposes, and promoting individual freedom,
- 25 the state of Iowa finds and declares that the use of marijuana
- 26 should be legal for persons twenty-one years of age and older
- 27 and taxed in a manner similar to alcohol.
- 28 Sec. 19. NEW SECTION. 124F.7 Definitions.
- 29 For the purposes of this subchapter:
- 30 1. "Division" means the alcoholic beverages division of the
- 31 department of commerce.
- 32 2. "Immature plant" means a nonflowering marijuana plant
- 33 that is no taller than eight inches and no wider than eight
- 34 inches, is produced from a cutting, clipping, or seedling, and
- 35 is in a cultivating container.

- 1 3. "License" means a license or registration issued pursuant
 2 to this subchapter.
- 3 4. "Licensed premises" means the premises specified in an
- 4 application for a license under this subchapter, which are
- 5 owned or in possession of the licensee and within which the
- 6 licensee is authorized to cultivate, manufacture, distribute,
- 7 sell, or test retail marijuana and retail marijuana products in
- 8 accordance with this subchapter.
- 9 5. "Licensee" means a person licensed or registered pursuant
- 10 to this subchapter.
- 11 6. "Local jurisdiction" means a city or county.
- 12 7. "Local licensing authority" means, for any local
- 13 jurisdiction that has chosen to adopt a local licensing
- 14 requirement in addition to the state licensing requirements
- 15 of this subchapter, an authority designated by a municipal
- 16 or county ordinance, or resolution, or the governing body of
- 17 a municipality or county, or the board of commissioners of a
- 18 county if no such authority is designated.
- 19 8. "Location" means a particular parcel of land that may be
- 20 identified by an address or other descriptive means.
- 9. "Marijuana" means the same as defined in section 124.101.
- 22 10. "Marijuana accessories" means any equipment, products,
- 23 or materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or
- 24 designed for use in planting, cultivating, growing, harvesting,
- 25 composting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing,
- 26 processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging,
- 27 repackaging, storing, vaporizing, or containing marijuana, or
- 28 for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing marijuana
- 29 into the human body.
- 30 11. "Operating fees" means fees that may be charged by a
- 31 local jurisdiction for costs, including but not limited to
- 32 costs associated with the inspection, administration, and
- 33 enforcement of retail marijuana establishments authorized
- 34 pursuant to this subchapter.
- 35 12. "Person" means a natural person, partnership,

- 1 association, company, corporation, limited liability company,
- 2 or organization; except that "person" does not include any
- 3 governmental organization.
- 4 13. "Retail marijuana" means all parts of the plant of the
- 5 genus Cannabis, whether growing or not, the seeds thereof; the
- 6 resin extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound,
- 7 manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the
- 8 plant, its seeds or resin, including marijuana concentrate.
- 9 "Retail marijuana" does not include industrial hemp, nor does
- 10 it include fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake made
- 11 from the seeds of the plant, sterilized seeds of the plant
- 12 which are incapable of germination, or the weight of any other
- 13 ingredient combined with marijuana to prepare topical or oral
- 14 administrations, food, drink, or other product.
- 15 14. "Retail marijuana cultivation facility" means an entity
- 16 licensed to cultivate, prepare, package, and sell marijuana to
- 17 retail marijuana stores, to marijuana product manufacturing
- 18 facilities, and to other marijuana cultivation facilities, but
- 19 not to consumers.
- 20 15. "Retail marijuana establishment" means a retail
- 21 marijuana store, a retail marijuana cultivation facility, or a
- 22 retail marijuana products manufacturer.
- 23 16. "Retail marijuana products" means concentrated marijuana
- 24 products and marijuana products that are comprised of marijuana
- 25 and other ingredients and are intended for use or consumption,
- 26 such as but not limited to edible products, ointments, and
- 27 tinctures.
- 28 17. "Retail marijuana products manufacturer" means an entity
- 29 licensed to purchase marijuana; manufacture, prepare, and
- 30 package marijuana products; and sell marijuana and marijuana
- 31 products to other marijuana product manufacturing facilities
- 32 and to retail marijuana stores, but not to consumers.
- 33 18. "Retail marijuana store" means an entity licensed
- 34 to purchase marijuana from marijuana cultivation facilities
- 35 and sell marijuana and to purchase marijuana products from

- 1 retail marijuana product manufacturing facilities and to sell
- 2 marijuana and marijuana products to consumers.
- 3 19. "Retail marijuana transporter" means an entity or person
- 4 licensed to transport retail marijuana and retail marijuana
- 5 products from one retail marijuana establishment to another
- 6 retail marijuana establishment and to temporarily store the
- 7 transported retail marijuana and retail marijuana products at
- 8 its licensed premises, but is not authorized to sell retail
- 9 marijuana or retail marijuana products under any circumstances.
- 10 Sec. 20. NEW SECTION. 124F.8 Applicability.
- 11 1. On or after July 1, 2020, an applicant may apply for
- 12 licensure pursuant to this subchapter. A license issued to a
- 13 person pursuant to this subsection shall not be effective until
- 14 October 1, 2020.
- 2. a. Pursuant to subsection 1, an applicant shall complete
- 16 forms as provided by the division and shall pay the application
- 17 fee and the licensing fee, which shall be credited to the
- 18 marijuana cash fund established pursuant to section 124F.19.
- 19 The division shall forward, within seven days of the date of
- 20 the application, one-half of the application fee to the local
- 21 jurisdiction unless the local jurisdiction has prohibited the
- 22 operation of retail marijuana establishments. If the license
- 23 is denied, the division shall refund the licensing fee to the
- 24 applicant.
- 25 b. The division shall act upon an application made pursuant
- 26 to subsection 1 no sooner than forty-five days and no later
- 27 than ninety days after the date of the application. The
- 28 division shall process applications in the order in which
- 29 completed applications are received by the division.
- 30 3. Any local jurisdiction may enact ordinances or
- 31 regulations governing the time, place, manner, and number of
- 32 retail marijuana establishments, which may include a local
- 33 licensing requirement, or may prohibit the operation of retail
- 34 marijuana establishments by ordinance or by a referred or
- 35 initiated measure. If a county acts through an initiated

- 1 measure, the proponents shall submit a petition signed by not
- 2 less than fifteen percent of the registered electors in the
- 3 county.
- 4 Sec. 21. NEW SECTION. 124F.9 Retail marijuana licensure.
- 5 l. The division shall develop and maintain a seed-to-sale
- 6 tracking system that tracks retail marijuana from either
- 7 seed or immature plant stage until the marijuana or retail
- 8 marijuana product is sold to a customer at a retail marijuana
- 9 establishment to ensure that no marijuana grown or processed
- 10 by a retail marijuana establishment is sold or otherwise
- 11 transferred except by a retail marijuana store.
- 12 2. The division shall adopt all rules necessary for the
- 13 implementation of this chapter.
- 3. Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to be
- 15 a delegation to the division of the power to fix prices for
- 16 retail marijuana.
- 17 4. Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to limit
- 18 a law enforcement agency's ability to investigate unlawful
- 19 activity in relation to a retail marijuana establishment. A
- 20 law enforcement agency shall have the authority to conduct a
- 21 criminal history record check of a licensee and an employee of
- 22 a licensee during an investigation of unlawful activity related
- 23 to retail marijuana and retail marijuana products.
- 24 5. The division shall create a statewide licensure class
- 25 system for retail marijuana cultivation facilities. The
- 26 classifications may be based upon square footage of the
- 27 facility; lights, lumens, or wattage; canopy lighting; the
- 28 number of cultivating plants; a combination of the foregoing;
- 29 or other reasonable metrics. The division shall create a fee
- 30 structure for the licensure class system.
- 31 Sec. 22. NEW SECTION. 124F.10 State and local participation
- 32 in licensure.
- 33 1. When the division receives an application for an
- 34 initial license or a renewal of an existing license for
- 35 any retail marijuana establishment, the division shall

- 1 provide, within seven days of receipt of an application,
- 2 a copy of the application to the local jurisdiction in
- 3 which the establishment is to be located unless the local
- 4 jurisdiction has prohibited the operation of retail marijuana
- 5 establishments. The local jurisdiction shall determine whether
- 6 the application complies with local restrictions relating
- 7 to time, place, manner, and the number of retail marijuana
- 8 establishments allowed. The local jurisdiction shall inform
- 9 the division whether the application complies with local
- 10 restrictions.
- 11 2. A local jurisdiction may impose a separate local
- 12 licensing requirement as a part of its restrictions relating
- 13 to time, place, manner, and the number of retail marijuana
- 14 establishments allowed. A local jurisdiction may decline
- 15 to impose any local licensing requirements, but a local
- 16 jurisdiction shall notify the division that it either approves
- 17 or denies each application received by the local jurisdiction.
- 18 3. If a local jurisdiction issues a local license for
- 19 a retail marijuana establishment, a local jurisdiction may
- 20 schedule a public hearing on the application. If the local
- 21 jurisdiction schedules a hearing, it shall post and publish
- 22 public notice of the hearing not less than ten days prior
- 23 to the hearing. The local jurisdiction shall give public
- 24 notice by posting a sign in a conspicuous place on the license
- 25 applicant's premises for which a local license application
- 26 has been made and by publication in a newspaper of general
- 27 circulation in the county in which the applicant's premises are
- 28 located.
- 29 4. If a local jurisdiction does not issue local licenses,
- 30 the local jurisdiction may give public notice of the state
- 31 license application by posting a sign in a conspicuous place
- 32 on the state license applicant's premises for which a state
- 33 license application has been made and by publication in a
- 34 newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the
- 35 applicant's premises are located.

- 1 5. Applications for a state license under this subchapter
- 2 must be made to the division on forms prepared and furnished
- 3 by the division and must set forth such information as the
- 4 division may require to enable the division to determine
- 5 whether a state license should be granted.
- 6 6. The division shall deny a state license if the premises
- 7 on which the applicant proposes to conduct its business does
- 8 not meet the requirements of this subchapter. The division
- 9 may refuse or deny a license renewal, reinstatement, or
- 10 initial license issuance for good cause. For purposes of this
- 11 subsection, "good cause" means any of the following:
- 12 a. The licensee or applicant has violated, does not meet,
- 13 or has failed to comply with any of the terms, conditions, or
- 14 provisions of this subchapter, any rules promulgated pursuant
- 15 to this subchapter, or any supplemental local law, rules, or
- 16 regulations.
- 17 b. The licensee or applicant has failed to comply with any
- 18 special terms or conditions of the license pursuant to an order
- 19 of the division or local licensing authority.
- 20 c. The licensed premises have been operated in a manner that
- 21 adversely affects the public health or safety of the immediate
- 22 neighborhood in which the retail marijuana establishment is
- 23 located.
- 7. If the division denies a state license pursuant to
- 25 subsection 6, the applicant shall be entitled to a hearing
- 26 pursuant to section 17A.12 and judicial review pursuant to
- 27 section 17A.19. The division shall provide written notice of
- 28 the grounds for denial of the state license to the applicant
- 29 and to the local jurisdiction at least fifteen days prior to
- 30 the hearing.
- 31 Sec. 23. NEW SECTION. 124F.11 Establishment and owner
- 32 requirements.
- 33 1. An owner who is a natural person must have been either
- 34 of the following:
- 35 a. A resident of Iowa for at least one year prior to the

- 1 date of the application.
- 2 b. A United States citizen prior to the date of the
- 3 application.
- 4 2. A retail marijuana establishment may be composed of an
- 5 unlimited number of owners that have been residents of Iowa for
- 6 at least one year prior to the date of the application.
- 7 3. The division shall review the retail marijuana
- 8 establishment's operating documents to ensure compliance with
- 9 this section.
- 10 Sec. 24. NEW SECTION. 124F.12 Retail marijuana
- 11 establishment licensure.
- 12 l. Local jurisdictions may adopt and enforce regulations
- 13 for retail marijuana establishments that are at least as
- 14 restrictive as the provisions of this subchapter and any rule
- 15 promulgated pursuant to this subchapter.
- 16 2. A retail marijuana establishment shall not operate
- 17 until the retail marijuana establishment is licensed by the
- 18 division pursuant to this subchapter and approved by the
- 19 relevant local jurisdiction. If an application is denied by
- 20 the local licensing authority, the division shall revoke the
- 21 state license. In connection with a license, the applicant
- 22 shall provide a complete and accurate application as required
- 23 by the division.
- 24 3. A retail marijuana establishment shall notify the
- 25 division in writing of the name, address, and date of birth of
- 26 a new owner, officer, or manager before the new owner, officer,
- 27 or manager begins managing, owning, working, or otherwise
- 28 associating with the establishment. The owner, officer,
- 29 manager, or employee shall pass a fingerprint-based criminal
- 30 history record check as required by the division and shall
- 31 obtain the required identification prior to managing, owning,
- 32 working, or otherwise associating with the establishment.
- 33 4. Before granting a state license, the division may
- 34 consider, except when this subchapter specifically provides
- 35 otherwise, the requirements of this subchapter and any

- 1 rules promulgated pursuant to this subchapter, and all other
- 2 reasonable restrictions that are or may be placed upon a
- 3 licensee by the division or local licensing authority.
- 4 5. a. Each license issued under this subchapter is separate
- 5 and distinct. It is unlawful for a person to exercise any
- 6 of the privileges granted under a license other than the
- 7 license that the person holds or for a licensee to allow any
- 8 other person to exercise the privileges granted under the
- 9 licensee's license. A separate license shall be required for
- 10 each specific business or business entity and each geographical
- 11 location.
- 12 b. At all times, a licensee shall possess and maintain
- 13 possession of the premises for which the license is issued
- 14 through ownership, lease, rental, or other arrangement for
- 15 possession of the premises.
- 16 6. Each licensee shall manage the licensed premises
- 17 personally or employ a separate and distinct manager on
- 18 the premises and shall report the name of the manager to
- 19 the division and local licensing authority. The licensee
- 20 shall report any change in manager to the division and local
- 21 licensing authority within seven days after the change.
- 22 Sec. 25. NEW SECTION. 124F.13 License renewal.
- 23 l. Ninety days prior to the expiration date of an existing
- 24 license, the division shall notify a licensee of the expiration
- 25 date by first class mail at the licensee's address of record
- 26 with the division. A licensee may apply for the renewal of
- 27 an existing license to the division not less than thirty days
- 28 prior to the date of expiration of the existing license. Upon
- 29 receipt of an application for renewal of an existing license
- 30 and any applicable fees, the division shall submit, within
- 31 seven days of the application, a copy of the application to
- 32 the local jurisdiction to determine whether the application
- 33 complies with all local restrictions on renewal of licenses.
- 34 The division shall not accept an application for renewal of a
- 35 license after the date of expiration, except as provided in

- 1 subsection 3. The division may extend the expiration date of
- 2 the license and accept a late application for renewal of a
- 3 license if the applicant has filed a timely renewal application
- 4 with the local licensing authority. The division or the local
- 5 licensing authority, in its discretion, and subject to the
- 6 requirements of this subsection and subsection 3 and based upon
- 7 reasonable grounds, may waive the thirty-day time requirements
- 8 set forth in this subsection.
- 9 2. The division may request additional fingerprints from a
- 10 licensee when there is a demonstrated investigative need.
- 11 3. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1,
- 12 a licensee whose license has been expired for not more than
- 13 ninety days may file a late renewal application upon the
- 14 payment of a nonrefundable late application fee of five hundred
- 15 dollars to the division. A licensee who files a late renewal
- 16 application and pays the requisite fees may continue to operate
- 17 until the division takes final action to approve or deny
- 18 the licensee's late renewal application unless the division
- 19 summarily suspends the license pursuant to chapter 17A, this
- 20 subchapter, and rules promulgated pursuant to this subchapter.
- 21 b. The division may administratively continue a license
- 22 and accept a later application for renewal of a license at the
- 23 discretion of the division.
- 24 Sec. 26. NEW SECTION. 124F.14 Classes of licenses.
- 25 For the purpose of regulating the cultivation, manufacture,
- 26 distribution, sale, and testing of retail marijuana and retail
- 27 marijuana products, the division in its discretion, upon
- 28 receipt of an application in the prescribed form, may issue and
- 29 grant to the applicant a license or registration in any of the
- 30 following classes, subject to the provisions and restrictions
- 31 provided by this subchapter:
- Retail marijuana store license.
- Retail marijuana cultivation facility license.
- 34 3. Retail marijuana products manufacturing license.
- 4. Occupational licenses and registrations for owners,

- 1 managers, operators, employees, contractors, and other support
- 2 staff employed by, working in, or having access to restricted
- 3 areas of the licensed premises, as determined by the division.
- 4 The division may take any action with respect to a registration
- 5 pursuant to this subchapter as it may with respect to a license
- 6 pursuant to this subchapter, in accordance with the procedures
- 7 established pursuant to this subchapter.
- 8 5. Retail marijuana transporter license.
- 9 Sec. 27. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. **124F.15** Retail marijuana store
- 10 license.
- 11 1. a. A retail marijuana store license shall be issued
- 12 by the division only to a person selling retail marijuana or
- 13 retail marijuana products pursuant to the terms and conditions
- 14 of this subchapter.
- 15 b. A retail marijuana store shall not accept any retail
- 16 marijuana purchased from a retail marijuana cultivation
- 17 facility unless the retail marijuana store is provided with
- 18 evidence that any applicable excise tax due was paid.
- Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a
- 20 retail marijuana store licensee may also sell retail marijuana
- 21 products that are prepackaged and labeled as required by rules
- 22 of the division pursuant to section 124F.9.
- 23 3. a. A retail marijuana store shall not sell more than one
- 24 ounce of retail marijuana or its equivalent in retail marijuana
- 25 products, including retail marijuana concentrate, except for
- 26 nonedible, nonpsychoactive retail marijuana products, including
- 27 ointments, lotions, balms, and other nontransdermal topical
- 28 products during a single transaction to a person.
- 29 b. (1) Prior to initiating a sale, an employee of the
- 30 retail marijuana store making the sale shall verify that
- 31 the purchaser has a valid identification card showing the
- 32 purchaser is twenty-one years of age or older. If a person
- 33 under twenty-one years of age presents fraudulent proof of age,
- 34 any action relying on the fraudulent proof of age shall not be
- 35 grounds for the revocation or suspension of any license issued

1 under this subchapter.

32 section 124F.9.

- 2 (2) (a) If a retail marijuana store licensee or

 3 employee has reasonable cause to believe that a person is

 4 under twenty-one years of age and is exhibiting fraudulent

 5 proof of age in an attempt to obtain any retail marijuana

 6 or cannabidiol-infused product, the licensee or employee

 7 is authorized to confiscate such fraudulent proof of age,

 8 if possible, and shall, within seventy-two hours after the

 9 confiscation, remit such fraudulent proof of age to a state

 10 or local law enforcement agency. The failure to confiscate

 11 such fraudulent proof of age or to remit such fraudulent proof

 12 of age to a state or local law enforcement agency within

 13 seventy-two hours after the confiscation shall not constitute a

 14 criminal offense.
- 15 If a retail marijuana store licensee or employee 16 believes that a person is under twenty-one years of age and 17 presents fraudulent proof of age in an attempt to obtain any 18 retail marijuana or retail cannabidiol-infused product, the 19 licensee or employee or any peace officer or police officer, 20 acting in good faith and upon probable cause based upon 21 reasonable grounds therefor, may detain and question such 22 person in a reasonable manner for the purpose of ascertaining 23 whether the person is quilty of any unlawful act regarding the 24 purchase of retail marijuana. The questioning of a person by a 25 licensee, employee, peace officer, or police officer does not 26 render the licensee, employee, peace officer, or police officer 27 civilly or criminally liable for slander, false arrest, false 28 imprisonment, malicious prosecution, or unlawful detention. 29 All retail marijuana and retail marijuana products 30 sold at a licensed retail marijuana store shall be packaged 31 and labeled as required by rules of the division pursuant to
- 5. a. A licensed retail marijuana store shall only 34 sell retail marijuana, retail marijuana products, marijuana 35 accessories, nonconsumable products such as apparel, and

- 1 marijuana-related products such as childproof packaging
- 2 containers, but shall be prohibited from selling or giving
- 3 away any consumable product, including but not limited to
- 4 cigarettes, alcohol, or an edible product that does not contain
- 5 marijuana, including but not limited to sodas, candies, or
- 6 baked goods.
- 7 b. A licensed retail marijuana store shall not sell any
- 8 retail marijuana or retail marijuana products that contain
- 9 nicotine or alcohol, if the sale of the alcohol would require a
- 10 license pursuant to chapter 123.
- ll c. A licensed retail marijuana store shall not sell retail
- 12 marijuana or retail marijuana products over the internet nor
- 13 deliver retail marijuana or retail marijuana products to a
- 14 person who is not physically present in the retail marijuana
- 15 store's licensed premises.
- 16 6. Retail marijuana or retail marijuana products shall not
- 17 be consumed on the premises of a retail marijuana store.
- 18 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of state law, sales
- 19 of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products are not
- 20 exempt from state or local sales tax.
- 21 Sec. 28. NEW SECTION. 124F.16 Retail marijuana cultivation
- 22 facility license.
- 23 1. A retail marijuana cultivation facility license shall
- 24 be issued by the division only to a person who cultivates
- 25 retail marijuana for sale and distribution to licensed retail
- 26 marijuana stores, retail marijuana products manufacturing
- 27 licensees, or other retail marijuana cultivation facilities.
- 28 2. A retail marijuana cultivation facility shall remit any
- 29 applicable excise tax due.
- 30 3. A retail marijuana cultivation facility shall track
- 31 the marijuana it cultivates from seed or immature plant to
- 32 wholesale purchase of the retail marijuana. Prior to delivery
- 33 of any retail marijuana that is sold, the retail marijuana
- 34 cultivation facility shall provide evidence that the facility
- 35 paid any applicable excise tax on the retail marijuana due.

- 1 4. A retail marijuana cultivation facility may provide,
- 2 except as required by section 124F.9, a sample of its products
- 3 to the state hygienic laboratory for testing and research
- 4 purposes. A retail marijuana cultivation facility shall
- 5 maintain a record of the sample provided to the state hygienic
- 6 laboratory and the testing results.
- 7 5. Retail marijuana or retail marijuana products shall not
- 8 be consumed on the premises of a retail marijuana cultivation
- 9 facility.
- 10 6. The division shall not issue more than twenty retail
- 11 marijuana cultivation facility licenses.
- 12 Sec. 29. NEW SECTION. 124F.17 Retail marijuana products
- 13 manufacturing license.
- 14 l. a. A retail marijuana products manufacturing license
- 15 shall be issued by the division to a person who manufactures
- 16 retail marijuana products pursuant to the terms and conditions
- 17 of this subchapter.
- 18 b. A retail marijuana products manufacturer may cultivate
- 19 its own retail marijuana if the manufacturer obtains a retail
- 20 marijuana cultivation facility license, or it may purchase
- 21 retail marijuana from a licensed retail marijuana cultivation
- 22 facility. A retail marijuana products manufacturer shall track
- 23 all of its retail marijuana from the point the retail marijuana
- 24 is either transferred from its retail marijuana cultivation
- 25 facility or from the point when the retail marijuana is
- 26 delivered to the retail marijuana products manufacturer from a
- 27 licensed retail marijuana cultivation facility to the point of
- 28 transfer to a licensed retail marijuana store.
- 29 c. A retail marijuana products manufacturer shall not
- 30 accept any retail marijuana purchased from a retail marijuana
- 31 cultivation facility unless the retail marijuana products
- 32 manufacturer is provided with evidence that any applicable
- 33 excise tax due was paid.
- 34 2. All retail marijuana products shall be prepared on
- 35 a licensed premises used exclusively for the manufacture

- 1 and preparation of retail marijuana or retail marijuana
- 2 products and using equipment that is used exclusively for the
- 3 manufacture and preparation of retail marijuana products;
- 4 except that, if permitted by the local jurisdiction, a
- 5 retail marijuana products manufacturing licensee may share
- 6 the same premises as a medical cannabidiol-infused products
- 7 manufacturing licensee so long as a virtual or physical
- 8 separation of inventory is maintained pursuant to rules
- 9 promulgated by the division.
- 10 3. All licensed premises on which retail marijuana products
- 11 are manufactured shall meet the sanitary standards for retail
- 12 marijuana product preparation promulgated pursuant to section
- 13 124F.9.
- 4. Retail marijuana or retail marijuana products shall not
- 15 be consumed on the premises of a retail marijuana products
- 16 manufacturing facility.
- 17 5. A retail marijuana products manufacturer may provide,
- 18 except as required by section 124F.9, a sample of its products
- 19 to the state hygienic laboratory for testing and research
- 20 purposes. A retail marijuana products manufacturer shall
- 21 maintain a record of what was provided to the state hygienic
- 22 laboratory and the results of the testing.
- 23 6. A licensed retail marijuana products manufacturer shall
- 24 package and label each product manufactured as required by
- 25 rules of the division pursuant to section 124F.9.
- 7. All retail marijuana products that require refrigeration
- 27 to prevent spoilage must be stored and transported in a
- 28 refrigerated environment.
- 29 8. The division shall not issue more than twenty retail
- 30 marijuana products manufacturer licenses.
- 31 Sec. 30. NEW SECTION. 124F.18 Retail marijuana transporter
- 32 license.
- 33 1. a. A retail marijuana transporter license shall be
- 34 issued by the division to a person to provide logistics,
- 35 distribution, and storage of retail marijuana and retail

- 1 marijuana products. Notwithstanding any other provisions of
- 2 law, a retail marijuana transporter license shall be valid for
- 3 two years from the date of issuance, but cannot be transferred
- 4 with a change of ownership. A licensed retail marijuana
- 5 transporter shall be responsible for the retail marijuana and
- 6 retail marijuana products once the transporter takes control
- 7 of the product.
- 8 b. A licensed retail marijuana transporter may contract with
- 9 multiple licensed retail marijuana establishments.
- 10 c. On or after July 1, 2020, all retail marijuana
- 11 transporters shall hold a valid retail marijuana transporter
- 12 license; except that an entity licensed pursuant to this
- 13 subchapter that provides its own distribution is not required
- 14 to hold a retail marijuana transporter license to transport and
- 15 distribute its products. The division shall begin accepting
- 16 applications after January 1, 2020.
- 2. A retail marijuana transporter licensee shall use a
- 18 seed-to-sale tracking system developed pursuant to section
- 19 124F.9 to create shipping manifests documenting the transport
- 20 of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products throughout
- 21 the state.
- 22 Sec. 31. NEW SECTION. 124F.19 Marijuana cash fund fees.
- 23 1. A marijuana cash fund is created under the control of
- 24 the division. Moneys in the fund shall be used to administer
- 25 this chapter. Any excess funds as determined by the division
- 26 shall be transferred to the marijuana trust fund established in
- 27 section 124F.24 at the end of each fiscal quarter.
- 28 2. The application fee for a person applying pursuant to
- 29 section 124F.8, subsection 2, shall be five thousand dollars.
- 30 The division shall transfer two thousand five hundred dollars
- 31 of the fee to the marijuana cash fund and remit two thousand
- 32 five hundred dollars to the local jurisdiction in which
- 33 the license is proposed to be issued. If the division is
- 34 considering raising the amount of the application fee, it shall
- 35 confer with each local jurisdiction in which a license under

- 1 this subchapter is issued prior to raising the application
- 2 fee. If the application fee amount is changed, it shall be
- 3 split evenly between the marijuana cash fund and the local
- 4 jurisdiction in which the license is proposed to be issued.
- 5 3. A local jurisdiction in which a license under this
- 6 subchapter may be permitted may adopt and impose operating fees
- 7 in an amount determined by the local jurisdiction on retail
- 8 marijuana establishments located within the local jurisdiction.
- 9 Sec. 32. NEW SECTION. 124F.20 Discipline.
- 10 In addition to any other sanctions prescribed by this
- 11 subchapter or rules promulgated pursuant to this subchapter,
- 12 the division has the power, on its own motion or upon
- 13 complaint, after investigation and opportunity for a public
- 14 hearing at which a licensee must be afforded an opportunity
- 15 to be heard, to fine a licensee or to suspend or revoke
- 16 a license issued by the division for a violation by the
- 17 licensee or by any of the agents or employees of the licensee
- 18 of the provisions of this subchapter, or any of the rules
- 19 promulgated pursuant to this subchapter, or of any of the
- 20 terms, conditions, or provisions of the license issued by the
- 21 division. The division has the power to administer oaths and
- 22 issue subpoenas to require the presence of persons and the
- 23 production of papers, books, and records necessary to the
- 24 determination of a hearing that the division is authorized to
- 25 conduct. The division shall conduct a contested case pursuant
- 26 to chapter 17A prior to imposing discipline, except in the case
- 27 of an emergency adjudication.
- 28 Sec. 33. NEW SECTION. 124F.21 Disposition of seized
- 29 materials.
- 30 1. This section shall apply in addition to any criminal,
- 31 civil, or administrative penalties and in addition to any
- 32 other penalties prescribed by this subchapter or any rules
- 33 promulgated pursuant to this subchapter.
- 34 2. A state or local agency shall not be required to
- 35 cultivate or care for any retail marijuana or retail marijuana

- 1 product belonging to or seized from a licensee. A state or
- 2 local agency shall not be authorized to sell marijuana or
- 3 retail marijuana.
- 4 3. If the division issues a final order imposing a
- 5 disciplinary action against a licensee pursuant to section
- 6 124F.20, then, in addition to any other remedies, the
- 7 division's final order may specify that some or all of the
- 8 licensee's marijuana or marijuana product is not retail
- 9 marijuana or a retail marijuana product and is an illegal
- 10 controlled substance. The final order may further specify that
- 11 the licensee shall lose any interest in any of the marijuana or
- 12 marijuana product even if the marijuana or marijuana product
- 13 previously qualified as retail marijuana or a retail marijuana
- 14 product.
- 4. On or before January 1, 2020, the division shall
- 16 promulgate rules governing the implementation of this section.
- 17 Sec. 34. NEW SECTION. 124F.22 Inspection procedures.
- 18 1. A licensee shall keep a complete set of all records
- 19 necessary to show fully the business transactions of the
- 20 licensee, all of which shall be accessible at all times during
- 21 business hours for inspection and examination by the division
- 22 or its authorized representatives. The division may require
- 23 a licensee to furnish such information as necessary for the
- 24 proper administration of this subchapter and may require an
- 25 audit to be made of the books of account and records on such
- 26 occasions as necessary by an auditor selected by the division
- 27 who shall have access to all books and records of the licensee.
- 28 All associated expenses shall be paid by the licensee.
- 29 2. Any licensed premises, including any places of storage
- 30 where retail marijuana or retail marijuana products are stored,
- 31 cultivated, sold, dispensed, or tested shall be subject to
- 32 inspection by the state or local jurisdictions and their
- 33 investigators, during all business hours and during other times
- 34 when employees are present, for the purpose of inspection
- 35 or investigation. Access shall be required during business

- 1 hours for examination of any inventory or books and records
- 2 required to be kept by the licensees. If any part of the
- 3 licensed premises consists of a locked area, upon demand to
- 4 the licensee, such area shall be made available for inspection
- 5 without delay, and, upon request by authorized representatives
- 6 of the state or local jurisdiction, the licensee shall open the
- 7 area for inspection.
- 8 3. A licensee shall retain all books and records necessary
- 9 to show fully the business transactions of the licensee for
- 10 a period of the current tax year and the three immediately
- 11 preceding tax years.
- 12 Sec. 35. NEW SECTION. 124F.23 Retail marijuana excise tax.
- 13 l. There is levied and imposed an excise tax on all retail
- 14 marijuana cultivation facilities within the state in the
- 15 following amounts:
- 16 a. On an immature marijuana plant, twenty-five dollars per 17 plant.
- 18 b. On the flowers of a retail marijuana plant, fifty dollars
- 19 per ounce, or a proportional amount thereof on any fraction of
- 20 an ounce.
- c. On all parts of a retail marijuana plant other the
- 22 flowers of a retail marijuana plant, fifteen dollars per ounce,
- 23 or a proportional amount thereof on any fraction of an ounce.
- 24 2. A retail marijuana cultivation facility shall collect
- 25 the applicable excise tax at the point of first sale.
- 26 3. A retail marijuana cultivation facility shall pay the
- 27 excise tax due on all retail marijuana sold in the previous
- 28 month by the fifteenth day of each month.
- 29 4. The excise tax under this section shall be paid to the
- 30 retail marijuana trust fund established in section 124F.24.
- 31 Sec. 36. NEW SECTION. 124F.24 Retail marijuana trust fund.
- 32 1. A retail marijuana trust fund is created in the state
- 33 treasury under the control of the division. The fund shall
- 34 consist of all moneys deposited in the fund pursuant to
- 35 sections 124F.19 and 124F.23, and all interest and earnings

- 1 thereon.
- 2 2. The director of the division is the trustee of the fund
- 3 and shall administer the fund. Any loss to the fund shall
- 4 be charged against the fund and the director shall not be
- 5 personally liable for such loss. In addition, the director is
- 6 the trustee of any trusts referenced in section 457(g) of the
- 7 federal Internal Revenue Code. Any loss to the trusts shall
- 8 be charged against the trusts and the director shall not be
- 9 personally liable for such loss.
- 10 3. The trustee shall administer the fund and distribute
- 11 moneys therefrom for the following purposes:
- 12 a. The support of substance abuse prevention programs.
- 13 b. The support of drug courts.
- 14 c. The support of early childhood development programs.
- 15 d. Making disbursements to the county supervisors for the
- 16 support of counties that have licensed at least one retail
- 17 marijuana establishment and to the city council for the support
- 18 of cities that have licensed at least one retail marijuana
- 19 establishment.
- 20 4. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the trust fund
- 21 shall not revert. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection
- 22 2, interest or earnings on moneys deposited in the trust fund
- 23 shall be credited to the trust fund.
- 24 Sec. 37. NEW SECTION. 453B.17 Retail marijuana.
- 25 This chapter shall not apply to retail marijuana or retail
- 26 marijuana products produced or sold pursuant to chapter 124F.
- 27 Sec. 38. SUBCHAPTER DESIGNATIONS.
- 28 1. The Code editor is directed to create two new subchapters
- 29 in chapter 124F as follows:
- 30 a. Subchapter I shall be entitled "criminal penalties" and
- 31 include sections 124F.1 through 124F.5.
- 32 b. Subchapter II shall be entitled "retail marijuana" and
- 33 include sections 124F.6 through 124F.24.
- 2. The Code editor may modify subchapter titles if necessary
- 35 and is directed to correct internal references in the Code as

- 1 necessary due to enactment of this section.
- 2 Sec. 39. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect January
- 3 1, 2020, except that the alcoholic beverages division of the
- 4 department of commerce may adopt rules for the implementation
- 5 of this Act prior to that date.
- 6 EXPLANATION
- 7 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 9 DIVISION I CRIMINAL PENALTIES. This bill modifies
- 10 criminal penalties relating to marijuana by eliminating and
- 11 modifying certain criminal provisions in Code chapter 124
- 12 (uniform controlled substances Act), and transferring certain
- 13 criminal provisions from Code chapter 124 to new Code chapter
- 14 124F.
- 15 MANUFACTURE, DELIVERY, OR POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DELIVER
- 16 MARIJUANA. The bill provides that an unauthorized person
- 17 commits a class "B" felony punishable by confinement of no
- 18 more than 25 years if the person violates new Code section
- 19 124F.2(1)(a) and the controlled substance involves more than
- 20 22 kilograms of marijuana. Currently, such a person commits
- 21 a class "B" felony punishable by confinement of no more than
- 22 50 years if the controlled substance involves more than 1,000
- 23 kilograms of a mixture or substance containing a detectable
- 24 amount of marijuana, or a class "B" felony punishable by
- 25 confinement of no more than 25 years if the controlled
- 26 substance involves more than 100 kilograms of marijuana but not
- 27 more than 1,000 kilograms.
- 28 The bill provides that an unauthorized person commits a
- 29 class "C" felony if the person violates new Code section
- 30 124F.2(1)(b) and the controlled substance involves more than
- 31 2 kilograms of marijuana but not more than 22 kilograms.
- 32 Currently, such a person commits a class "C" felony if the
- 33 controlled substance involves more than 50 kilograms of
- 34 marijuana but not more than 100 kilograms.
- 35 The bill provides that an unauthorized person commits a

- 1 class "D" felony if the person violates new Code section
- 2 124F.2(1)(c) and the controlled substance involves more than 12
- 3 ounces of marijuana but not more than 2 kilograms. Currently,
- 4 such a person commits a class "D" felony if the controlled
- 5 substance involves 50 kilograms or less of marijuana.
- 6 The bill provides that an unauthorized person commits an
- 7 aggravated misdemeanor if the person violates new Code section
- 8 124F.2(1)(d) and the controlled substance involves more than 4
- 9 ounces of marijuana but not more than 12 ounces. Currently,
- 10 such a person commits a class "D" felony.
- 11 The bill provides that an unauthorized person commits a
- 12 serious misdemeanor if the person violates new Code section
- 13 124F.2(1)(e) and the controlled substance involves 4 ounces or
- 14 less of marijuana. Currently, such a person commits a class
- 15 "D" felony.
- 16 POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA. The bill provides that if a person
- 17 unlawfully possesses more than 12 ounces of marijuana, the
- 18 person commits a class "D" felony.
- 19 The bill provides that if a person unlawfully possesses more
- 20 than 6 ounces of marijuana but not more than 12 ounces, the
- 21 person commits an aggravated misdemeanor.
- 22 The bill provides that if a person unlawfully possesses more
- 23 than 2 ounces of marijuana but not more than 6 ounces, the
- 24 person commits a serious misdemeanor.
- 25 The bill provides that if a person 21 years of age or older
- 26 possesses more than 1 ounce of marijuana but not more than
- 27 2 ounces, the person does not commit a criminal offense but
- 28 shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$100. If
- 29 the person is under 21 years of age, the offense shall be
- 30 punishable as a serious misdemeanor, which may be expunged
- 31 after two years if the person does not commit additional
- 32 criminal violations other than traffic offenses. The bill
- 33 provides that any records relating to the civil penalty
- 34 shall not be displayed for public viewing on the Iowa court
- 35 information system and such records shall not be kept in the

- 1 criminal history files maintained by the department of public 2 safety.
- 3 A person does not unlawfully possesses marijuana under the
- 4 bill if the amount of marijuana possessed is one ounce or less.
- 5 However, if the person is under 21 years of age, the person
- 6 commits a simple misdemeanor, which may be expunded after
- 7 two years if the person does not commit additional criminal
- 8 violations other than traffic offenses.
- 9 Currently, if a person unlawfully possesses marijuana, the
- 10 person shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for
- 11 not more than six months or by a fine of not more than \$1,000,
- 12 or by both for a first offense. If the person has previously
- 13 been convicted of marijuana possession, the person commits a
- 14 serious misdemeanor under current law, and if the person has
- 15 been convicted of marijuana possession two or more times, the
- 16 person commits an aggravated misdemeanor.
- 17 SMALL AMOUNTS OF MARIJUANA. If the amount of marijuana
- 18 delivered or possessed with intent to deliver is one ounce or
- 19 less and no remuneration was provided, the defendant shall not
- 20 be prosecuted for a violation of the bill.
- 21 MARIJUANA USE IN PUBLIC. The bill prohibits the consumption
- 22 of marijuana in areas open and accessible to the public,
- 23 including but not limited to public transportation facilities,
- 24 sporting or music venues, parks, playgrounds, sidewalks and
- 25 roads, outdoor cafes, or indoor but public locations. A person
- 26 who violates this provision commits a simple misdemeanor
- 27 punishable as a scheduled violation in the amount of \$50 for
- 28 a first offense and \$100 for a second or subsequent offense.
- 29 This violation may be expunged after two years if the person
- 30 does not commit additional criminal violations other than
- 31 traffic offenses.
- 32 JUVENILE MARIJUANA OFFENSES. The bill specifies that the
- 33 juvenile court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction in a
- 34 proceeding concerning a minor who is alleged to have committed
- 35 a violation of the bill.

1 GATHERINGS WHERE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES UNLAWFULLY USED. 2 The bill strikes a provision making it a serious misdemeanor 3 for a person to sponsor, promote, or aid in the sponsoring 4 or promoting of a meeting or gathering with the knowledge or 5 intent that marijuana be distributed, used, or possessed at the 6 meeting or gathering in violation of Code chapter 124. ACCOMMODATION OFFENSE. The bill strikes a provision 8 allowing a prosecution for unlawful delivery or possession with 9 intent to deliver marijuana, if the prosecution proves that 10 the defendant delivered or possessed with intent to deliver 11 one-half ounce or less of marijuana which was not offered for 12 sale, the defendant is quilty of an accommodation offense 13 and rather than being sentenced for a class "D" felony under 14 Code section 124.401(1)(d), the person is sentenced for a 15 misdemeanor in violation of Code section 124.401(5). 16 SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES. Currently, a person 17 convicted of a second or subsequent offense under Code chapter 18 124 may be punished by imprisonment for a period not to exceed 19 three times the term otherwise authorized, or fined not more 20 than three times the amount otherwise authorized. 21 strikes the provision that allows for the use of a previous 22 marijuana conviction in determining if a person has been 23 convicted of a second or subsequent offense under Code chapter 24 124. 25 DIVISION II - RETAIL MARIJUANA. Division II of the 26 bill relates to the regulation of retail marijuana in Iowa. 27 The bill grants the alcoholic beverages division of the 28 department of commerce (division) the authority to regulate the 29 cultivation, production, transportation, testing, and sale of 30 retail marijuana and retail marijuana products, including by 31 issuing appropriate licenses and promulgating rules. The bill requires the division to transfer half of any 33 application fee collected to the local jurisdiction in which 34 the retail marijuana establishment will be located and to 35 deposit the other half in the marijuana cash fund under the

- 1 control of the division. The bill allows local jurisdictions
- 2 to impose limitations on the operation of retail marijuana
- 3 establishments, including by prohibiting their operation.
- 4 The bill directs the division to develop and maintain a
- 5 seed-to-sale tracking system to track retail marijuana from the
- 6 seed or immature plant stage until it is sold to a consumer at a
- 7 retail marijuana establishment.
- 8 LOCAL LICENSES. The bill requires the division to transmit
- 9 any application for a retail marijuana establishment it
- 10 receives to the local jurisdiction where the establishment
- 11 will be located within seven days of receipt unless the
- 12 local jurisdiction has prohibited the operation of retail
- 13 marijuana establishments. The local jurisdiction must then
- 14 inform the division whether the application complies with
- 15 any local restrictions on the operation of retail marijuana
- 16 establishments it may have imposed. The bill requires a person
- 17 to receive approval from both the division and the local
- 18 jurisdiction before operating a retail marijuana establishment.
- 19 A person whose application for a license is denied is entitled
- 20 to a hearing and judicial review pursuant to Code chapter 17A.
- 21 LICENSES. Ninety days prior to the expiration date of an
- 22 existing license, the division shall notify the licensee of the
- 23 expiration date by first class mail at the licensee's address
- 24 of record with the division. A licensee may apply for the
- 25 renewal of an existing license to the division not less than 30
- 26 days prior to the date of expiration.
- 27 RETAIL MARIJUANA STORES. The bill allows a retail marijuana
- 28 store to purchase retail marijuana from a retail marijuana
- 29 cultivation facility. A retail marijuana store may also
- 30 sell prepackaged and labeled retail marijuana products. A
- 31 retail marijuana store must track all of its retail marijuana
- 32 and retail marijuana products from the point that they are
- 33 transferred to the retail marijuana store to the point of
- 34 sale. The bill prohibits a retail marijuana store from selling
- 35 more than one ounce of retail marijuana or its equivalent

- 1 in a single transaction to a person, excluding nonedible,
- 2 nonpsychoactive retail marijuana products.
- 3 Prior to initiating a sale, the bill requires a retail
- 4 marijuana store employee to verify that that purchaser has a
- 5 valid identification card showing that the person is 21 years
- 6 of age or older. If a purchaser presents a retail marijuana
- 7 store employee with fraudulent proof of age, any action taken
- 8 in reliance on that proof of age shall not be grounds for the
- 9 revocation or suspension of a license.
- 10 The bill allows a retail marijuana store to provide to the
- 11 state hygienic laboratory a sample of its products for testing
- 12 and research purposes. The retail marijuana store shall
- 13 maintain a record of what was provided to the laboratory and
- 14 the results of the testing.
- The bill prohibits a retail marijuana store from selling
- 16 any products other than retail marijuana, retail marijuana
- 17 products, marijuana accessories, nonconsumable products such as
- 18 apparel, and marijuana products such as childproof packaging
- 19 containers.
- 20 RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION. The bill allows the division
- 21 to issue up to 20 retail marijuana cultivation facility
- 22 licenses to persons who cultivate retail marijuana for sale
- 23 and distribution to retail marijuana stores, manufacturers,
- 24 or other cultivation facilities. The bill requires a retail
- 25 marijuana cultivation facility to remit any applicable tax due.
- 26 The bill also requires a retail marijuana cultivation facility
- 27 to track the marijuana it cultivates from seed or immature
- 28 plant to wholesale purchase.
- 29 RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING. The bill allows
- 30 the division to issue up to 20 retail marijuana products
- 31 manufacturing license to persons who manufacture retail
- 32 marijuana products. The bill requires a retail marijuana
- 33 products manufacturer to track all of its retail marijuana from
- 34 the point it is either transferred from its retail marijuana
- 35 cultivation facility or the point when it is delivered to the

- 1 retail marijuana products manufacturer from a retail marijuana
- 2 cultivation facility to the point of transfer to a retail
- 3 marijuana store.
- 4 The bill requires retail marijuana products to be
- 5 manufactured and prepared in a facility that only manufactures
- 6 retail marijuana products, except that premises may be shared
- 7 with a medical cannabidiol-infused products manufacturer so
- 8 long as a virtual or physical separation of inventory is
- 9 maintained.
- 10 RETAIL MARIJUANA TRANSPORTATION. The bill allows the
- 11 division to issue a retail marijuana transporter license to
- 12 a person to provide logistics, distribution, and storage of
- 13 retail marijuana and retail marijuana products. The bill
- 14 requires a retail marijuana transporter to use the seed-to-sale
- 15 tracking system to create shipping manifests documenting the
- 16 transport of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products.
- 17 FEES. The bill allows the division to collect and charge
- 18 fees. The bill sets the application fee for a person applying
- 19 for a new retail marijuana establishment license at \$5,000,
- 20 which shall be divided evenly between the marijuana cash fund
- 21 and the local jurisdiction where the license is proposed to
- 22 be issued. The bill permits a local jurisdiction to impose
- 23 operating fees on retail marijuana establishments to which it
- 24 has granted a license.
- 25 LICENSE DISCIPLINE. The bill permits the division, on its
- 26 own motion or complaint, and after investigation, notice,
- 27 a public hearing, and opportunity to be heard, to suspend
- 28 or revoke a license if the licensee or any of its agents or
- 29 employees violate a provision of the bill or a rule promulgated
- 30 by the division. The division may administer oaths and issue
- 31 subpoenas to require the presence of persons and the production
- 32 of documents. The division may impose discipline pursuant to
- 33 rules and Code chapter 17A.
- 34 INSPECTION. The bill requires a licensee to keep a complete
- 35 set of all records necessary to show fully the business

- 1 transactions of the licensee, all of which shall be open at all
- 2 times during business hours for the inspection and examination
- 3 by the division or its duly authorized representatives.
- 4 The bill requires the licensed premises of a retail
- 5 marijuana establishment, including any places of storage
- 6 where retail marijuana or retail marijuana products are
- 7 stored, cultivated, sold, dispensed, or tested to be subject
- 8 to inspection by the state or local jurisdictions and their
- 9 investigators, during all business hours and other times
- 10 of apparent activity, for the purpose of inspection or
- 11 investigation.
- 12 The bill imposes on excise tax on retail marijuana
- 13 cultivation facilities in the amount \$25 per immature plant,
- 14 \$50 per ounce of the flowers of a retail marijuana plant,
- 15 and \$15 per ounce on all other parts of a retail marijuana
- 16 plant. A retail marijuana cultivation facility is required to
- 17 collect this tax at the point of first sale. The tax owed for
- 18 each month's sales must be transferred by a retail marijuana
- 19 cultivation facility to the retail marijuana trust fund by the
- 20 15th day of the next month.
- 21 The bill establishes the retail marijuana trust fund
- 22 under the control of the division. The fund consists of
- 23 all excise taxes collected and any excess funds transferred
- 24 from the retail marijuana cash fund, as well as the interest
- 25 and earnings thereon. The director of the division is the
- 26 trustee of the fund and is required to administer the fund and
- 27 distribute moneys for the support of substance abuse programs,
- 28 drug courts, early childhood development programs, and counties
- 29 and cities that have licensed at least one retail marijuana
- 30 establishment. Moneys in the fund are not subject to reversion
- 31 to the general fund of the state.